

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: IRELAND

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in June (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus: This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the Irish culture first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to Ireland.

Program Description:

Known as "the land of saints and scholars", Ireland is the perfect location for a truly immersive study abroad experience. Numerous excursions around the country will bring the academic material to life while on location. Additionally, students will have free time to explore on their own in each city as we travel around Ireland.

All of the cities we'll visit will provide a sense of Ireland's culture and history that is simply unattainable in the traditional classroom. In Doolin, a small town on the western coast, students will be able to explore the natural beauty of the famous Wild Atlantic Way, try locally sourced seafood, cheese, and chocolate, or visit a local venue to hear traditional Irish music.

In Cork, students may be able to visit the former Cork City Gaol (jail) to learn about social issues of 19th century, the English Market to try local cuisine, or the Cobh Heritage Center to learn about Ireland's influence on world history. We may also have the opportunity to tour the beautiful grounds of University College Cork, see one thousand year old bog butter at the Butter Museum, or take a cruise on the River Lee.

In Galway, the European Capital of Culture for 2020, possible visits to the Galway City Museum, the Nora Barnacle Museum, and the Aran Islands will enable students to further understand Ireland's economic and literary contributions to the rest of the world.

In Dublin, Ireland's capital city, visits to Trinity College and the Book of Kells, the Natural History Museum, the Chester Beatty Library, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Museums and Library, and Kilmainham Gaol will further enhance the academic content of each course and enable students to truly experience Dublin life. Additionally, students may choose to shop on trendy Grafton Street, tour the Guinness Storehouse, hear traditional Irish music in the Temple Bar area, learn about conservation efforts at the Dublin Zoo, or stroll through the National Botanic Gardens in their free time.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

- Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
- Recruit
- Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

- Teach Course
- Assist with Excursions
- Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Taxable two thousand dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.